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1. The University Hospital for Children is owned and operated by the University of Marburg. It is of brick construction and has two floors. Total bed capacity is one hundred. Children of both sexes up to 14 years are admitted but no maternity cases. All infectious disease cases are isolated. Isolation wards are located on the second floor. Most patients come from the rural areas around Marburg. Patients within a radius of 50 kilometers use the hospital which has an excellent reputation. The one hundred beds are usually filled and the out-patient clinic usually treats about 20 or 30 patients each day. Most patients had hospital insurance; those without it are charged 12 marks per day. Electric power is supplied by the municipal power plant.
2. There are 15 physicians on the staff of whom only six are paid. Graduates from the University of Marburg who are interested in pediatrics like to work at this hospital because it is considered to offer excellent training in this field. In order to give even a small salary to the young physicians, hospital authorities frequently divide the two hundred marks per month - the salary for one physician - among two or three physicians. None of the younger physicians like this arrangement.
3. Incidence of polio continues to increase each year in the area served by this hospital. I have no figures to support this statement, but [redacted] Almost everyone believes US occupation personnel brought polio to Germany (Federal Republic) because polio was very rare before World War II.
4. The principal diseases of high incidence are gastric enteritis, bronchitis, pneumonia, and food infections. Drugs used at the hospital are chiefly produced by Bayer, Merck, and Ciba. Since 1950 I G Farben at Frankfurt has produced sufficient penicillin for all Germany (Federal Republic). Antibiotics other than penicillin used at the hospital are of US manufacture.

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